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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR PURIFICATION OF ACRYLIC ACID FAMILY

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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